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The office is open on a limited basis for church related activity: Tuesday – Friday; 10am – 4pm.
Masks and use of hand sanitizer are required everywhere in the building.

Worship for Sunday, November 15, 2020 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Worship begins at 10:30am in-person and LIVE on our YouTube channel. **Please pre-register if you plan to attend in-person** by phoning or emailing the Messiah office. SK Health and SK Synod guidelines will be followed including **required wearing of masks**. If there are technical issues, the recorded service will be available on the Messiah Facebook page and Website by 1:00 pm on Sunday. **Thank you to Deacon Eldon Danielson** for leading today's service and sharing the sermon.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns: We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.

Announcements

LuMinHoS

Founded in 1980 as the Lutheran Care Society of Saskatoon, LuMinHoS has become a cornerstone of Saskatoon's hospital ministries, and the only one that specifically serves Lutherans. The ministry operates through the work of dedicated volunteers, and Chaplain Rev. Richard Engel. This year marks the 40th anniversary and to celebrate, a different type of event is launching:

Sunday, November 15 - 'The Year When Everything Changed'

Because the previously planned 40th Anniversary and Annual Fundraising events have been cancelled, LuMinHoS is pleased to bring you a virtual event featuring talented Lutheran musicians, **including Pastor Fran**, to enjoy in the comfort of your home. The link can be found: <https://www.luminhos.org>

Donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made:

- Online through credit card, Paypal, Canada Helps, e-transfer – go to www.luminhos.org/donate/
- Mail: send cheques, money orders, or credit card information (not cash) to -
PO Box 23019, RPO Market Mall, Saskatoon, S7J 5H3

In honour or in memory of gifts will be acknowledged in the LuMinHoS newsletter, The Caregiver.

Canada Lutheran magazine: subscribe today! For only **\$18.56 per year**, you receive 8 issues of the magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, which includes updates for each of the Synods and columns by each of the Synod Bishops and the National Bishop. New for 2021 is that all subscribers will have access to a digital version. Check out the website – <https://canadalutheran.ca/>. If you would like to review a back issue of the magazine, one can be provided upon request. Please contact the Messiah office **by November 25**, if you have questions or are interested in renewing or ordering a subscription.

Meatballs: There has been a delay in preparing the meatballs, but plans are that they will be available in December (actual date to be determined). As in previous years, the cost is \$15 per tray, you can order either with sweet & sour sauce or plain by contacting the Messiah office. For more information or questions, phone Wayne (306.960.1074) or Cheryl (306.961.2967).

Worship Services - Can you help? Volunteers are needed to read the lessons, usher/greet, and operate the power point. If you attend in-person, would you consider helping from time to time. Guidance and support for these tasks is provided. To sign up, call the Messiah office.

The **Lectionary Bible Study** is being offered **Wednesday at 10am and 7pm every week**. This study follows the lectionary (cycle of Scripture readings on Sunday mornings). The reading, study, and conversation happens either in-person or online using a zoom link. Please email or call the Messiah office or Pastor Fran to receive the link.

Thank you for all the ways you continue to support Messiah! Your prayers and concern for our Messiah family are greatly appreciated. Financial donations can be made through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, Canada Helps, mail, drop off at the office mailbox, or pick up from your home – call the office for details.

Confirmation: Confirmation will resume on November 22 @ 7pm.

*Thanks for
your prayers.*

We would like to thank you all for the kind thoughts and prayers, cards and visits after the funeral for Dennis's Dad. Everything has been so appreciated.

Elaine & Dennis Serfas
Jessica & Brian Grosskleg

Worship for Sunday, November 15, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW # 556 – *Morning Has Broken*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

A reading from Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 151 (setting 4)**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25thchapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Deacon Eldon Danielson

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #714 - O God of Mercy (Vs. 1, 3, 6)

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

In praise and thanksgiving to God, we offer our thanks for the gifts of time, talent, and resources that have been given to support all the ministries of the church.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need, praying Hear us O God, and responding **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray....

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor and forgive you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and Holy Spirit,

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #805 - *Lead On, Oh King Eternal*

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.